



SKELTON CREW . . . Mrs. Joseph Banks, left, directs Mrs. Dale Stanton, right, in the proper act of hanging up a skeleton, while Mrs. Chuck Herren gets ready to place a few jack-o-lanterns around the base of the fireplace. Her small daughter, Connie, gets the floor all ready for the eerie decorations, which will add color to the JayCettes Masquerade Ball next Saturday night at La Venta Inn. All tickets are sold, Mrs. Banks said.

BPW Club Honors Charter Member at Dinner Meet

The name of Miss Lute Fraser, charter member of Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club, was linked with those of three nationally-known women last Monday night when the club climaxed the Business and Professional Women's Week with a dinner meeting at the Western Club.

Fuchsia Club To Sponsor Brownie Troop

North Torrance Fuchsia Society will sponsor a newly-formed troop of 16 Brownies under the leadership of Mrs. Audrey Richter and Mrs. L. Cunningham. Mrs. Marjorie Cunerty, press chairman, revealed this week.

The club voted to sponsor the new group at last week's meeting, held at McMaster Hall with nearly 65 members and guests attending.

"Fall Planting for Spring Color" hints were told by the guest speaker of the evening, David Gilfillan, garden section editor of a Pasadena newspaper. Introduced by Mrs. Ida Tardieu, gala, program chairman, he led an open forum on fall planting at the conclusion of his talk.

Miss Beverly Harmon, music student at El Camino College, also took a program spotlight, singing two numbers.

Among guests at the session were members of the Compton and Gardena Fuchsia Clubs; Mrs. Victor Benstead, newly-elected president of Torrance Terrace Garden Club; and three members of her executive board, Mesdames Carl Hood, Doug McCloy, and Thomas McCutcheon.

Members and guests will be attired in their favorite gardening outfits at the November meeting of the club. Prizes will be awarded for the most autumn garb, and Mrs. Eleanor Pettit will climax the evening with a talk on Christmas decorations.

A "White Christmas" dance, planned for Saturday, Dec. 12, at Club Alondra, will highlight December activities of the Fuchsia Society. During intermission, the Mari Lynn Dress Shop will present a fashion show, and a dance revue will be staged by students of Ann Olson.

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Council PTA May Organize Mothersingers

A Mothersingers group will be formed within Torrance Council PTA if there is sufficient interest. Mrs. H. E. Carr, president, announced at last Wednesday's meeting of the Council executive board, held at the Board Education office.

Mrs. Carr made the announcement in the absence of the music airman, Mrs. Loren Edman. Reports from other chairmen occupied the larger half of the morning agenda.

Story of student welfare activities was told by Mrs. Ralph Westone, while character and spiritual education ideas were outlined by Mrs. K. R. Ruffell. Making membership and public welfare reports, respectively, were Mrs. John Patrick and Mrs. Bruce Howey.

Other reports were made by Mesdames H. Cortez, courtesy; E. Runsted, registration; A. C. Turner, magazine and publications; and Raymond Hole, parent education.

Answers to questions about the school program were made by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

The board ratified Mrs. Duane Sherwood as legislation chairman, to replace Mrs. T. C. Smiley, whose resignation was accepted at the Wednesday meet-

Former Local Pastor, Wife Visitors at Mitchell Home

Visiting in Torrance until yesterday at the 1317 Acacia Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell were Capt. and Mrs. Torben R. Olsen, former local residents.

This was the captain's first visit to the states in three years for during that time he has

served as an Army chaplain at Nuremberg, Germany.

Formerly pastor at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, he left for Fort Bragg, N. C., in 1949 for an extended period of active duty with the Army. During the two years he and his wife made their home here, he took an active part in civic affairs, serving as president of

the Torrance Ministerial Association and chairman of the welfare council. He also was a member of the Torrance Recreation Commission and the local Rotary Club.

The captain and his wife left the Mitchell home to visit friends in Redondo Beach. They will travel to Fort Ord, where he will continue service as an Army chaplain, at the conclusion of his leave.

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Mrs. Powers Named Prexy Of Nativity Mothers Club

Mrs. Joseph Powers will lead the Nativity Mothers Club during 1953-54.

Elected unanimously at the club meeting Tuesday of last week, the new president will be assisted by Mesdames A. Snow, vice-president; Don Franklin, secretary; and William McDonald, treasurer.

The new group of leaders is planning a costume party and hot dog lunch for the school children as its first project. Slated for Thursday, Oct. 29, on the school grounds, the affair will be chairmanned by Mrs. Arthur Gross.

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Artists to Give Exhibition Tea in Riviera Next Sunday

More than 500 invitations have been mailed for an exhibition tea to be given by two well-known South Bay artists at the 408 Via Monte D'Oro, Hollywood Riviera home of Vera (Mrs. Hickey) Grube next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25, 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Grube, marine and landscape artist, will display several of her water colors, while her co-host, Dale Sexton, a portrait artist, will exhibit oil paintings. Two other exhibitors during the afternoon will be Bill Hamner with a showing of ceramics and sculptures, and Dorothy McAdams, presenting a display of ceramics.

Mrs. Grube's contemporary modern house will be introduced formally at this exhibition tea as "La Casa Galeria." Built by Dr. Hans Von Koerber, past curator of Oriental Arts of the Los Angeles County Museum, it is situated on a slope high above the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club. It was designed by "Schindler of Hollywood," an associate of Frank Lloyd Wright, top architect of his day.

The house is approximately 20 years old and was considered the top design of Schindler's career. Glass walls are used extensively, giving the appearance of a "solar house."

Court of Honor on Scout Slate Tonight

Boy Scouts of Troop 761 will receive tenderfoot and first class awards tonight at 7 o'clock Court of Honor ceremonies in McMaster Hall, Mrs. Reese Holbrook, publicity chairman, announced this week.

Walter Bronson, Scout committee chairman, will conduct the ritual in the absence of Walter Rigby, Scoutmaster, S.C. said. Refreshments will be served by the Mothers Club to climax the evening.



MUSIC-MINDED . . . Rag Mop (Mrs. W. M. Montgomery) tests out the drums while Tea for Two (J. S. Moore) looks on. The two won prizes for the most original costumes last Saturday night when Los Fiestadores danced at the Portuguese Bend Clubhouse. Theme of the evening was to come dressed as a favorite song title.



CHECK REGISTRAR . . . Here, in costumes representing their favorite song titles, committee members for last Saturday night's "Fiestadores" dance checks the guest book. Left to right they are the R. D. Bolens as "Paradise"; Dr. and Mrs. Burton Easley as "Lazy Bones"; and "Yes Sir, That's My Baby," respectively; the Al Posners as "Moon Faces"; and the Art Woodcocks as "Hong Kong Blues."